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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KLAVENESS et al.

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For: CONTRAST AGENTS

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Rejection of November 5, 2002, in connection with the above-identified application. The period for response has been extended to expire on May 5, 2003 by the filing herewith of a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time and payment of the required fee. A Request for Continuing Examination is submitted herewith along with the required fee and necessary submission.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 38 with the following amended claim.

38(Twice Amended). A targetable diagnostic and/or therapeutically active agent comprising a suspension of a reporter comprising gas-filled microbubbles stabilized by monolayers of film-forming surfactant in an aqueous carrier liquid, and

wherein the gas comprises a halogenated gas or a halogenated low molecular weight hydrocarbon, and

said film-forming surfactant comprises one or more phospholipids selected from the group consisting of phosphatidylcholines, phosphatidylglycerols,

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